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SUBJECT: IAEA: JUNE BOARD MEETING: SOUTH AFRICA ISSUE

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1. WE SEE NO VALID BASIS ON WHICH US COULD APPROACH CAPITALS ALONG LINES PROPOSED IN CANADIAN/INDIAN DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL. DIALOGUE OPENED UP WITH SOUTH AFRICA IS CONTINUING BUT ITS FUTURE COURSE IS UNLIKELY TO BE AFFECTED SIGNIFICANTLY IF AT ALL BY WHATEVER DECISION TAKEN IN VIENNA ON FUTURE OF SAG'S BOARD MEMBERSHIP. DEPT IS NOT

THEREFORE CONSIDERING ANY APPROACHES IN CAPITALS ON IAEA BOARD MEMBERSHIP ISSUE.

2. ON OTHER HAND, WE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN COMMONWEALTH CONTEXT COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADA AND UK UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH IN EFFORT SOFTEN THEIR ATTITUDE ON SAG BOARD MEMBERSHIP QUESTION AND WOULD WELCOME SUCH CONSULTATIONS IF CANADIANS AND UK AGREE SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE.

3. FOR LONDON AND OTTAWA: REQUEST EMBASSIES CONVEY FOREGOING TO RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES SOONEST.

4. FYI. DEPT NOTES THAT CANADIAN/UK EXCHANGE ON NEED FOR QUID PRO QUO ON BOARD EXPANSION (PARA 5 REFTL) APPEARS TO BE AT ODDS WITH CONCLUSION BY AFRICAN STATES REPORTED VIENNA 4444 THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT PACKAGE DEAL LINKING CONTINUED SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS WITH ADDITIONAL SEATS ON BOARD. WE ASSUME, IN VIEW THIS ADAMANT POSITION, THAT LITTLE HOPE REMAINS FOR ANY SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT SOONEST IF SITUATION HAS CHANGED. END FYI.

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